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In re Patent No. 7,011,498
Issued: March 14, 2006
Application No. 10/051,304
Filed: January 22, 2002
Atty. Dkt. No.: 13232.00023

: DECISION REGARDING PTA : and NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE : CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

This decision is in response to the "APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT," filed March 31, 2006.

The application for patent term adjustment (PTA) under 37 CFR 1.705(d) is hereby **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application matured into U.S. Patent No. 7,011,498 on March 14, 2006. The patent issued with a PTA of 417 days. The instant application for PTA was timely filed March 31, 2006. Patentees argue that the adjustment of 488 set forth in the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 USC 154(b) mailed October 4, 2005 was improperly reduced 71 days in connection with a "MISCELLANEOUS INCOMING LETTER" filed January 3, 2006.

Review of the application history reveals that patentees are correct. The Adjustment of 488 days set forth in the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment was improperly reduced 71 days, as argued by patentees.

The "MISCELLANEOUS INCOMING PAPER" filed January 3, 2006 was in fact a notification of change of entity status. Notification of a change of entity status is not a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution (or processing) within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.704(c)(10). See, MPEP 2732 and Clarification of 37 CFR 1.704(c)(10) - Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance has been Mailed, 1247 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 111 (June 26, 2001).

Thus, at the time of issuance, the patent was entitled to an adjustment of 488 days, as argued by patentee.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the required application fee of \$200.00. The request for refund of the application is hereby dismissed as submission of the application fee is a prerequisite to treatment on the merits for any application submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.705 and is not subject to refund.

This application file will be forwarded to the Certificate of Corrections branch for issuance of a certificate of correction to indicate that the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 488 days.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Petitions Attorney Alesia M. Brown at (571) 272-3205.

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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/051304								
Application Filing Date:	01/22/2002	PTO Delay (PTO):	579					
Issue Date of Patent:	03/14/2006	Three Years:	0					
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	162					
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	488					
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12	08/20/2002	CASE DOCKETED TO EXAMINER IN GAU			
11	06/28/2002	APPLICATION DISPATCHED FROM OIPE			
10	06/11/2002	APPLICATION IS NOW COMPLETE			
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8	05/21/2002	A STATEMENT BY ONE OR MORE INVENTORS SATISFYING THE REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 USC 115, OATH OF THE APPLIC			
7	05/21/2002	APPLICANT HAS SUBMITTED NEW DRAWINGS TO CORRECT CORRECTED PAPERS PROBLEMS			
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the cover page,

[*] Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 USC 154(b) by 417 days

Delete the phrase "by 417 days" and insert - by 488 days--